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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/726,929
Applicants : Charles R. Bleich *et al.*
Filed : December 3, 2003
Title : Gaming Machine Having A Player Time-Selectable
Bonus Award Scheme And An Intelligent Button

TC/A.U. : 3711
Examiner : Corbett B. Coburn
Docket No. : 47079-00214USP1
Customer No. : 30223

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

The Applicants respectfully request that prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation application that this preliminary amendment be entered.

The Applicants' **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.